



Department of Veterans Affairs – Medical Reserve Corps

Backfill Pilot Project

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Background - Need

- VA is largest healthcare system in the world
- 15,000 docs and 50,000 nurses
- Over 150 Medical Centers and 800+ clinics across the United States
- Seen as a primary source for medical response under the National Response Plan

Background - Need

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- VA is very ready and willing to provide healthcare staff to deploy in the event of a National Emergency, but...
- The staff is currently fully employed and with scheduled patients, but...
- The staff are Federal Employees; with associated legal protection when deployed.

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- Therefore, if the VA could develop the necessary backfill capability – problem solved
- Possible solution.. Partner with MRC !!

Possibility



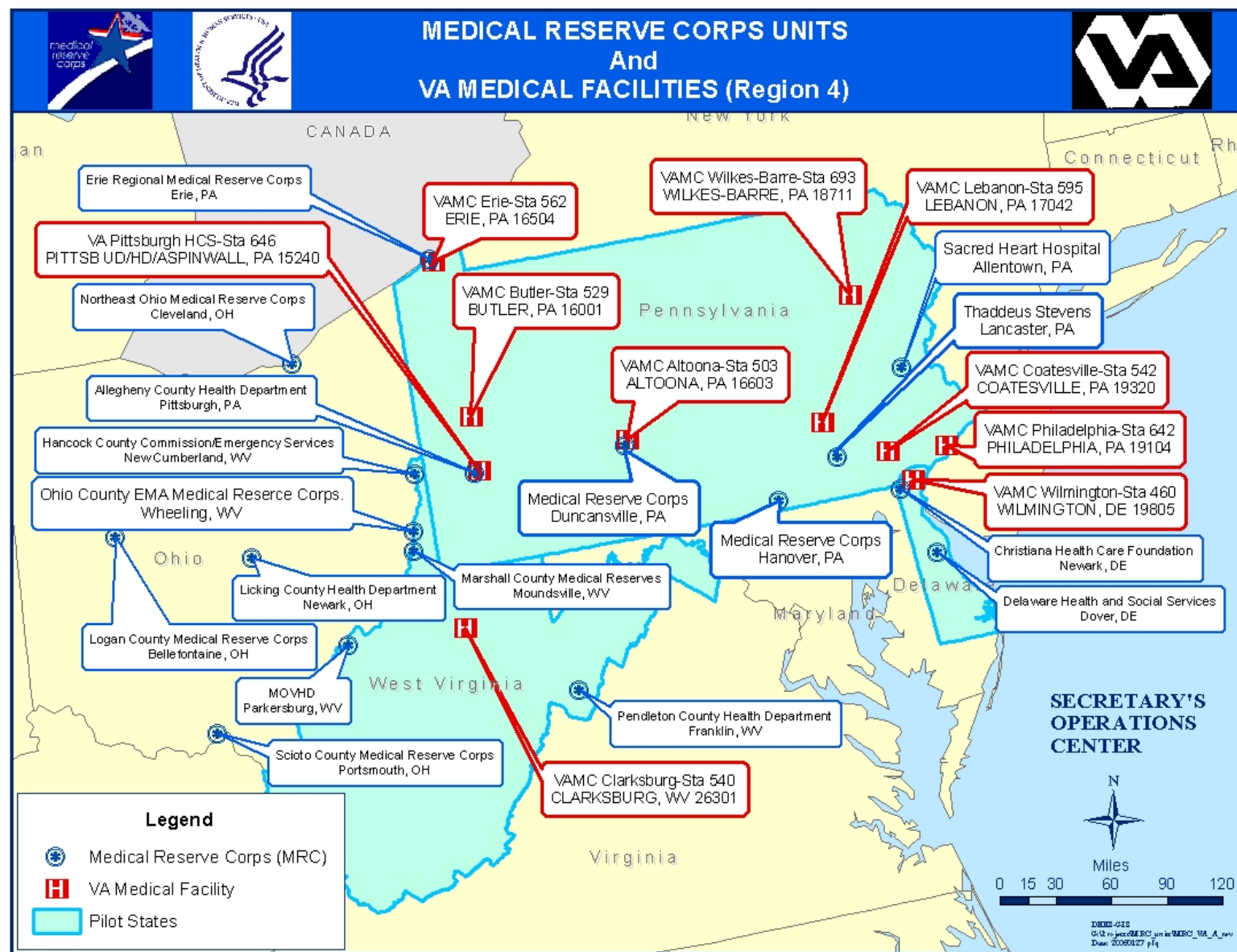
- MRC is active and reasonably robust in the Eastern Pennsylvania area
- VA has active EMRT in Eastern PA
- Therefore...
- Use MRC personnel to backfill deployed personnel

EMRT Assets



- Filled at 106 people of 164 positions
- Administration - 16
- Clinical Care
 - Surgical - 8
 - Medical - 62
- Ancillary - 15
- Mental Health Mgt - 19
- Medical Admin - 14
- Support Service - 30

MRC Assets



The Future...

- Need to configure the EMRT to match HHH needs for some particular 'platform' (deployable hospital, clinic, etc)
- Match MRC to deployable assets
- Work details for MRC to work in VA as 'un-paid employees' with:
 - Credentials
 - Orientation, etc

?? QUESTIONS ??

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